

**National Transportation Safety Board
Washington, DC 20594**

Brief of Accident

Adopted 11/20/2006

DCA05MA011 File No. 20896		11/22/2004	Houston, TX	Aircraft Reg No. N85VT	Time (Local): 06:15 CDT		
Make/Model:	Gulfstream Aerospace / G-III				Fatal	Serious	Minor/None
Engine Make/Model:	Rolls-Royce / 511-8			Crew	3	0	0
Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed			Pass	0	0	0
Number of Engines:	2						
Operating Certificate(s):	Commuter Air Carrier						
Type of Flight Operation:	Positioning						
Reg. Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation						
Last Depart. Point:	DALLAS, TX			Condition of Light:	Dawn		
Destination:	Same as Accident/Incident Location			Weather Info Src:	Weather Observation Facility		
Airport Proximity:	Off Airport/Airstrip			Basic Weather:	Instrument Conditions		
				Lowest Ceiling:	100 Ft. AGL, Broken		
				Visibility:	.13 SM		
				Wind Dir/Speed:	090 / 003 Kts		
				Temperature (°C):	22		
				Precip/Obscuration:	None / Fog		
Pilot-in-Command	Age: 67			Flight Time (Hours)			
Certificate(s)/Rating(s)				Total All Aircraft: 19000			
Airline Transport; Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land;				Last 90 Days: 90			
Instrument Ratings				Total Make/Model: 1000			
Airplane				Total Instrument Time: UnK/Nr			

The Safety Board's full report is available at <http://www.nts.gov/publictn/publictn.htm>. The Aircraft Accident Brief number is NTSB/AAB-06/06.

On November 22, 2004, about 0615 central standard time, a Gulfstream G-1159A, N85VT, operated by Business Jet Services Ltd., struck a light pole and crashed about 3 miles southwest of William P. Hobby Airport, Houston, Texas, while on an instrument landing system approach to runway 4. The two pilots and the flight attendant were killed, an individual in a vehicle near the airport received minor injuries, and the airplane was destroyed by impact forces. The airplane was being operated under the provisions of 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 91 on an instrument flight rules flight plan. Instrument meteorological conditions prevailed at the time of the accident.

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Occurrence #1: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH OBJECT

Phase of Operation: APPROACH - FAF/OUTER MARKER TO THRESHOLD (IFR)

Findings

1. (F) UNSTABILIZED APPROACH - CONTINUED BELOW - FLIGHTCREW
2. (F) IMPROPER USE OF PROCEDURE - FLIGHTCREW
3. (C) FLIGHT/NAVIGATION INSTRUMENT(S) - NOT VERIFIED - FLIGHTCREW

Findings Legend: (C) = Cause, (F) = Factor

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows.

the flight crew's failure to adequately monitor and cross check the flight instruments during the approach. Contributing to the accident was the flight crew's failure to select the instrument landing system frequency in a timely manner and to adhere to approved company approach procedures, including the stabilized approach criteria.